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For: CHROMOSOME-SPECIFIC

STAINING TO DETECT

GENETIC REARRANGEMENTS
ASSOCIATED WITH CHROMOSOME

3 AND/OR CHROMOSOME 17

Group Art Unit: 1655

Examiner: A. Marschel

REPLY & AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed November 29, 1999, please amend the above-cited application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Four Times Amended) A method of staining targeted interphase chromosomal material based upon a nucleic acid segment employing a unique sequence high complexity nucleic acid probe of greater than about 50,000 bases, wherein said targeted chromosomal material is a genetic rearrangement associated with chromosome 3 and/or chromosome 17 in humans, said method comprising employing said chromosomal material and a unique sequence high complexity

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